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USE OF FORCE

VT Digger: Body camera footage shows officer and Douglas Kilburn trading blows

Officer Cory Campbell's body camera footage from his altercation with Douglas Kilburn at the University of Vermont Medical Center shows Kilburn punching Campbell before Campbell punches him back, leaving Kilburn bleeding heavily from his face.

But the video also shows Kilburn getting increasingly agitated when Campbell yells at him to "Shut the fuck up and leave" moments after Kilburn says he is leaving and starts to drive away before slowing down.

Kilburn, 54, died days after the March 11 encounter with Campbell at the University of Vermont Medical Center. His manner of death was ruled a homicide by chief medical examiner Steven Shaprio, meaning Shaprio found that Kilburn would not have died without the blunt force trauma caused by Campbell.

The footage was revealed at a press conference held Wednesday by the police union, the Burlington Police Officers' Association, after the union obtained the footage after winning a public records lawsuit against the city.

CONSENT DECREES

Associated Press: Watchdog says Ferguson behind on police, court changes

The Missouri city of Ferguson needs to make more progress on police and court changes to comply with a consent decree spurred by the 2014 fatal police shooting of Michael Brown, federal officials and an independent monitor told a federal judge Tuesday.

Independent monitor Natashia Tidwell, a Boston attorney, told U.S. District Judge Catherine Perry that the city is behind on many of its goals for the year, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported . Instead of pushing those benchmarks to next year, Tidwell said "more needs to be done."

A consent agreement reached in 2016 requires significant changes that include municipal court reforms, community policing efforts, hiring more minority officers and improved policies in areas such as use of body cameras and search and seizure practices.

MASS SHOOTINGS

Las Vegas Review-Journal: Police fire officer who waited in hallway during Las Vegas massacre

A Las Vegas police officer who froze one floor beneath the Route 91 Harvest festival gunman was fired, the Las Vegas Review-Journal has learned.

Officer Cordell Hendrex separated from the Metropolitan Police Department on March 20, department spokesman Larry Hadfield said Tuesday.

The move came nearly 18 months after the release of body camera footage showing Hendrex holding his position in a Mandalay Bay hallway one floor beneath the killer for nearly five minutes as rounds continually sprayed into the crowd of country music fans below on Oct. 1, 2017.

MASS SHOOTINGS

Norfolk Virginian-Pilot: Virginia Beach approves independent probe into mass shooting

After previously hesitating to act, the City Council on Tuesday approved an independent probe, which could start this month.

The investigation will focus on creating a timeline of the tragedy, reviewing the gunman's employment history and analyzing how to prevent workplace violence in the future.

The unanimous vote marks a reversal for several council members who had initially wanted to wait for the criminal investigation to wrap up before approving such a review. But after pressure mounted - with the families of three victims saying officials haven't been transparent - city leaders elected to move forward with the probe.

OFFICER DEATHS

Sioux City (IA) Journal: New fund to support families of fallen police/fire personnel

State and local officials gathered near the Capitol on Tuesday to draw attention to a new law that makes state support available to help with ongoing insurance costs for the families of Iowa peace officers and firefighters who die in the line of duty.

The law that took effect Monday created a state program called the Iowa Public Safety Survivor Benefits Fund. The new fund will provide grants to organizations that provide assistance to help pay the costs of ongoing accident or health care insurance coverage for the surviving family members of Iowa peace officers and firefighters killed on the job.

DUI

Wichita Eagle: Kansas law now lets drivers refuse a sobriety test. But don't expect to get off easy

Kansas drivers can no longer be charged with a crime for refusing a sobriety test, under a July 1 change in state law.

But be prepared to lose your license if you don't take the test.

Under a new state law, police can't ticket motorists suspected of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol for refusing an officer's request to take a field sobriety test.

But refusal to comply comes with a year-long license suspension. That's as long as the maximum suspension for failing a breathalyzer or blood test.

Drivers who refuse to be tested can still be prosecuted for a DUI based on other evidence.

TECHNOLOGY

The Guardian (UK): Police face calls to end use of facial recognition software

Police are facing calls to halt the use of facial recognition software to search for suspected criminals in public after independent analysis found matches were only correct in a fifth of cases and the system was likely to break human rights laws.

Academics from the University of Essex were granted access to six live trials by the Metropolitan police in Soho, Romford and at the Westfield shopping centre in Stratford, east London.

They found the system regularly misidentified people who were then wrongly stopped. They also warned of "surveillance creep", with the technology being used to find people who were not wanted by the courts. And they warned it was unlikely to be justifiable under human rights

law, which protects privacy, freedom of expression and the right to protest.

New York Daily News: Op-ed by John Jay College of Criminal Justice Professor Peter Moskos: What Tiffany Cabán inherits: A great deal of work has already been done to make prosecutions in Queens more progressive

Tiffany Cabán, the apparent victor in the Democratic primary for Queens district attorney, ran on a campaign promising to upend the criminal justice status quo in New York City.

Cabán will replace Richard Brown, who died in office after serving as Queens DA for 28 years. Listening to those who ran against Brown's legacy, one could be forgiven for believing that the past decades in New York City have seen little but state-sponsored oppression and systemic police racism.

New York City has achieved tremendous accomplishments preventing violence, improving policing, decreasing jail populations and more. These achievements came from the hard work and dedication and experience of some of the very people now being dismissed as part of some neo-liberal cabal.

Ordinary citizens may be unaware of these gains. The next Queens district attorney should not only be aware of them, but also build on their success. To uproot the current system risks doing, well, exactly that.

POLICE EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

Atlanta Journal-Constitution: Doraville appoints replacement as longtime police chief takes state post

Doraville is officially without its long-serving police chief, after he was appointed to replace a state official who was indicted on fraud charges.

John King, who had led the police department since 2002, was sworn in Monday as Georgia's insurance commissioner, becoming the first Hispanic constitutional officer in state history. Sunday was his last day with the DeKalb County city.

To replace King, the city promoted Assistant Chief Charles Atkinson to be interim chief.

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